Call for Proposals
32nd Annual Conference

June 8-10, 2025

Embassy Suites by Hilton-Asheville Downtown
192 Haywood Street
Asheville, NC 28801

"Empowering Appalachia: Teaching, Learning, and Leading in the Digital Age"

New Location:

The Doubletree near Biltmore Village was scheduled for significant renovation or replacement prior to the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene so we had been working with Asheville officials to locate a suitable venue for future conferences. We are excited to announce our new location in downtown Asheville for our 32nd Annual Conference! This is a new hotel, within easy walking distance to Asheville's many dining establishments and offers additional meeting room space for us to expand our program offerings. The Embassy Suites has kept our room rates as affordable as in the past.

We are equally excited to include the first convening of the 30 colleges participating in the AACC/CCA Cyber ACCESS grant! The strength of CCA remains our network and the sharing of best practices that can be replicated throughout the Appalachian region.

Sessions

Sessions will be scheduled for forty (40) minutes, and new for this year, organized along three strands: Leadership, Instruction and Cyber Skills for All. Presenters are asked to reserve a few minutes at the conclusion of their sessions for questions and comments.

Things to Consider

As you think about what you might propose along these strands, we offer some ideas just to stimulate your thinking, You likely have a better idea! But here are some starters:

Leadership

Consider a presentation to explore innovative leadership strategies. Some topics might include:

- Transformational leadership in the digital age
- Strategic planning, decision-making and implementation with AI and data analytics
- Understaffed? Using AI to lighten the workload and increase efficiency
- Fostering personal connections in the digital age. It's still about PEOPLE.
- Highlight your college's leadership initiatives in your community

Instruction

Focus on innovative teaching methods and pedagogical approaches that leverage digital tools.

- Integrating AI and digital technologies into curriculum design
- Personalized learning through adaptive learning technologies
- Your best practices for remote and hybrid instruction
- Strategies for recruiting, engaging and retaining students in a digital learning environment

Cyber Skills for All

How do you support cybersecurity skills for educators, students, and administrators at the college and in local businesses and organizations in your community? Here are some ideas:

- Cyber hygiene and best practices for educational institutions
- How your college is integrating cybersecurity curricula across disciplines
- Hands-on workshops for teaching cybersecurity skills to non-technical audiences
- Addressing the digital divide and ensuring equitable access to cyberskills education
- Taking Cybersecurity best practices to your community

HOW PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED AND SELECTED

Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Program Planning Committee and are expected to meet these minimum criteria:

- Adherence to proposal submission instructions.
- Relevance to the conference theme, goals, and applicability to members.
- Potential for engaging participants in substantive discussions.
- Clarity of writing

EXPECTATIONS FOR PRESENTERS

All presenters must:

- Register for the conference,
- Agree that their presentation abstract may be used to advertise the conference and may be included in the conference brochure,
- **Include a presenter from a member institution.**

TIMELINE

Week of January 20	Call for Proposals distributed to CCA member institutions
March 3, 2025	Deadline for Submitting Proposals
March 7, 2025	Proposals Sent to Program Planning Committee
March 19, 2025	Planning Committee Selects Proposals
On or Before March 24, 2025	Presenters Notified

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